

COPIED PIT END TO LIFE OF DR. SHEPARD

Expected Will Contest and
Deeded Most of \$4,000,000
Estate to Wife

FACTS KEPT HIDDEN

Bride of Four Months Says He
Took Drug Because He
Had Neuralgia.

Complications that have arisen over the \$4,000,000 estate of Dr. A. Warner Shepard, County Phys. of Broome county, since his death on Sept. 8, were intensified today by the discovery that he had died of morphine self-administered. It is rumored in Broome county political circles that he committed suicide, but his widow, who married him four months before his death, says he took an overdose of the poison to relieve neuralgia.

Although the death certificate on file in the coroner's office of Broome county shows that the cause of Dr. Shepard's death was morphine poison, it was reported to the newspapers, up to today, that the cause of death was heart failure. An attempt on the part of certain county officials to keep the facts secret was rendered abortive by the general knowledge of the circumstances possessed by friends of Dr. Shepard who had talked to him within a week of his death. It is known that Dr. Shepard picked out his case and gave directions for his funeral a week in advance of his death.

From the sources that revealed the facts concerning the death of Dr. Shepard it is learned that he took a dose of morphine on Wednesday, Sept. 4, and was saved from death only by the prompt attendance of Dr. B. J. Blackman and Dr. Louis C. Ager, the same physicians who attended him during his last illness. Between Sept. 4 and Sept. 8 Dr. Shepard was in a state of semi-consciousness, his mind being leaving all his real estate, comprising about seventy pieces of property and all his valuable bonds and stocks, to his wife, Mary Myers Shepard.

Relatives of Dr. Shepard—among them a brother, Dr. Luther Shepard, of Boston—have announced their determination of contesting the will. Other contests are expected from outside sources.

Mysterious Woman.
A mysterious blond woman, middle-aged and handsome, who attended the funeral, is said to have engaged counsel to fight for a portion of the estate. This woman lived for years in the neighborhood of Dr. Shepard's office at Willowby and Gold streets.

For twenty-five years Miss Mary Myers was Dr. Shepard's housekeeper, bookkeeper and confidential secretary. She lived in his town house at No. 101 First street. They were married last April and went to live at Dr. Shepard's magnificent home at Ninety-first street and Shore road, Bay Ridge, one of the best properties in South Brooklyn.

It was known to Dr. Shepard's friends that he expected his Bay Ridge home to be met himself and his wife on terms of social equality. In this expectation he was disappointed. He received no invitations to call upon the wealthy occupants of the home surrounding his own, and he was seriously ill when he was last seen. He was seriously ill when he was last seen. He was seriously ill when he was last seen.

He was worried by this condition, and spoke of it to his friends. His despondent tone alarmed some of them, and when it was announced on April 4 that he was seriously ill, they were alarmed to discover the nature of his ailment. He was suffering from an overdose of morphine. Inquiring political associates were informed that the drug was taken to relieve the pain of acute neuralgia.

Feared an Attack.
Several of Dr. Shepard's closest friends were summoned to his home on Wednesday, Sept. 4. Among them are said to have been former Park Commissioner Young and former Police Commissioner Bernard York. Dr. Shepard told his friends that he was afraid he would be attacked and killed. He wanted to transfer all his property to his wife before he died. In case he died, he said, he desired that they should look out for her interests.

Mr. York is one of the executors of the will. The other is the widow, Mrs. Shepard. It is also said that Dr. Shepard, in case there is a contest in the courts, he will look out for her interests.

Following the report that Dr. Shepard had died of heart disease there were so many contradictory statements and assertions made, about the real cause of death, that an Evening World reporter, after a long and difficult investigation, was able to secure the health department at No. 60 Clinton street, where the coroner's office is located, to examine the death certificate.

The certificate, signed by Dr. Emil Hartung, coroner, states that the cause of death was an overdose of morphine. This certificate was not placed in the regular file in the coroner's office. It was rejected by the Board of Health, and the case was placed in the hands of the coroner.

Report Buried.
The coroner assigned Dr. Hartung to the case and the report of Dr. Hartung was hidden away in a drawer in the coroner's office. The Evening World reporter dug it out today. It contains a short statement from the widow.

She told Dr. Hartung that she was awakened early in the morning of Sept. 8 by Dr. Shepard, who was walking back and forth in his room. She asked him what ailed him and he said he was suffering from neuralgia and had taken two doses of morphine which he feared was too much.

He instructed her, she said, to get a bottle of hot water and summon a physician. She called Dr. Blackman and Ager, but they were too late, and Dr. Shepard died at 9:15 o'clock.

Dr. Blackman has been set for next Friday evening. Dr. Blackman, Mrs. Shepard's attorney, and some of Dr. Shepard's friends will be examined. Neither Dr. Blackman nor Dr. Hartung will admit knowing anything of the mysterious illness of Dr. Shepard, said to have been caused by an overdose of morphine on Sept. 4.

WIENNESE GIRL FACES MILLER AT SECOND HEARING

Paula Klippenbourg's Accuser
Appears in Person to Force
Her Deportation.

SAYS SHE IS IMMORAL

Defending Herself Against the
Charge, She Tells of His
Courtship and Shows Letters.

Paula Klippenbourg, the Viennese actress, who has given the immigration officials so many unhappy hours since they tried to deport her with ally on the private complaint of Horace E. Miller, the millionaire celluloid manufacturer of Newark, whom she came over from Europe to sue for breach of promise, had a rehearing this afternoon before the Board of Special Inquiry at Ellis Island on the charge that she is an immoral character.

Miller, who brought the charge against her, was also on hand, facing for the first time since her arrival on these shores, the pretty little Austrian, to whom he is alleged to have written many love letters.

Because of the high-handed manner in which Miss Klippenbourg was treated when Miller first caused her arrest it is said the department at Washington is watching the new investigation closely.

Hearing Star Chamber Affair.
Probably this accounts for the privacy with which the case is being handled. Acting Commissioner Murray refused to let the reporters attend, saying he had the right to exclude the public, and that he would class newspaper men as a part of the general public.

However, the reporters had no great trouble in learning all that was needed. The actress denied her guilty love letters to Miller, but she reached the island. When the immigration officers first hailed her away from the Hotel Imperial, where she was stopping, they kept her in close confinement in the detention house over her head, refusing absolutely to let her see the law. She had no money, and was consequently unable to pay for her own defense. She was held in the detention house for several days, and was then taken to the hearing.

Miller, who is a married man and has a family, had been summoned as a witness by the Government. He looked rather unhappy. Miss Klippenbourg, who was sitting next to him, did not look at all as if she were a prisoner. She was dressed in a simple, but elegant, black dress, and she was looking at Miller with a steady gaze.

Michael Gluckman, an importer of picture novelties at No. 100 Broadway, was the first witness. He gave testimony favorable to the foreign woman.

Gluckman said that on one of his visits to Europe he found Miss Klippenbourg installed as a guest in the house of a rich Paris banker named Arbous. She was engaged to marry the banker's son, he said, and he was warmly that she was a very beautiful and intelligent woman. He denied that she was an immoral character at that time, saying she enjoyed the respect of all who knew her.

Then Miss Klippenbourg told her story. She repeated all that she had already said. She was sharply cross-examined by Attorney Paul, representing the inquiry board.

DEMAND MORE STREET CARS ON MADISON AVENUE

Public Hearing on Public Service
Commission Plan for
Better Service.

There was a hearing this afternoon before the Public Service Corporation on the order to show cause why the service on the Madison Avenue surface line should not be increased.

The Commission seeks to have more cars run during the rush hours of the morning and evening.

In the morning it calls for thirty more cars on the line from One Hundred and Sixteenth street to Astor place, twenty more cars from One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street to Astor place, twenty more cars north from the Brooklyn Bridge and forty more cars north from Astor place. A similar increase in the service is demanded in the evening rush hours.

Oren Root, general manager of the Inter-Met, was called to testify. The capacity of the Fourth and Madison Avenue line, the witness said, was limited by its capacity at three points, which he described as controlling points. These are Forty-second street, Twenty-third street and Grand street, at the Bowers. Mr. Root said he thought that the maximum number of cars during the rush hours, as given in the witness's evidence, is never actually maintained.

He said that it is impossible to fully keep up the present rush-hour schedule. Mr. Root said, putting on more cars at such times would not make the transportation of passengers any more rapid. At night the witness stated that cars are operated on the Madison Avenue line.

Mr. Root asked if more cars were run at the first hour of the morning, it would not increase the seating capacity, but not the carrying capacity, said Mr. Root.

BINGHAM AND INSPECTORS IN SECRET SESSION

Police Commissioner Makes
Arrangements to Handle
Coney Mardi Gras Throng.

Police Commissioner Bingham was back at his desk today. As soon as he removed his coat he sent for his inspectors. The inspectors reached the office shortly before 10 o'clock. With them Commissioner Bingham went into a secret conference.

To the reporters he simply said: "Nothing doing yet. No news of interest. I cannot say anything of any changes. Such incidents in a police department may be expected at any time."

Arrangements were hurriedly completed for the Mardi Gras at Coney Island, a detail from the Brooklyn station under the personal direction of Deputy Commissioner O'Keefe being included.

It was shortly after 11 o'clock when Commissioner Bingham and his inspectors emerged from the council chamber. None of the officials would say what transpired beyond a chat for the "good of the service."

"I merely wanted to get back in touch with affairs," said Commissioner Bingham. "You may say I am making changes are contemplated. I have no transfers in mind at present. There may be some later, but at this moment I don't know of a change which I am ready to make. I am glad to see affairs in the department progressive."

MARGARET HUBBARD AYER WEDDED TO HAROLD SMITH.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. L. Seymour at Wainwright, L. I., Miss Margaret Hubbard Ayer was known to readers of the Evening World, was married to Mr. Harold Osborn Smith.

The wedding was an outdoor affair, guests from the fashionable colonies of East Hampton and Southampton, as well as many members of musical and literary circles in New York, gathered at the spacious grounds where the ceremony was performed.

Miss Margaret Hubbard Ayer and Mr. Harold Smith, who is a well-known pianist, have been friends since childhood. Miss Ayer has a wonderful voice and has been a soloist in music. Both she and her husband have studied music abroad.

GOOD THING TO KILL OFF TWO THIRDS OF POPULATION

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